

27th March 2024

Dear Families

We are writing to update you on a positive development for Ansford Academy. As you know, a significant amount of school improvement work has been undertaken in recent years and we are proud of how far the school has progressed in that time. However, we recognise that to improve further, and more rapidly, our school, our students and our staff will benefit from closer collaboration with a larger partner. As a result, we are writing to inform you that Ansford Academy is proposing to join the Midsomer Norton Schools' Partnership.

This decision has been taken after much thought and debate by the Board of Governors and some of our reasons for the decision are detailed below:

- Support to enact our key school improvement priorities, particularly in relation to the further development of the curriculum and developing our provision for our weakest readers
- Increased access to specialists across all ages enabling collaboration and curriculum development
- Better access to teaching and learning development across all the schools in the partnership
- Support with procurement of service such as school meals, site management, health and safety, finance
- Greater economies of scale to allow capital investment in buildings and facilities at Ansford Academy
- Provide opportunities for more staff development, improving the skills of our teachers and non-teaching colleagues, and enabling career progression

Although the decision to join the Midsomer Norton Schools' Partnership has already been taken, in principle, by Governors and Trust Members, we value your views and thoughts and have arranged a parent consultation meeting on Wednesday 1st May at 5.30pm in PA2 at the school where further information about the proposal to join the Midsomer Norton Schools' Partnership will be provided.

To join the meeting for parents and carers, please follow this link to book: [Midsomer Norton Schools' Partnership Meeting](#) and please make your booking by Monday 22nd April 2024.

With best wishes



Rachel Purnell
Headteacher



Jennie White
Chair of Governors